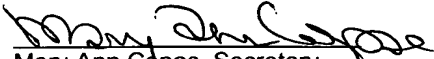


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
DATED 11/03/2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please amend the above-identified applications as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page of this paper.